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Application of: Keith D. ALLEN

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Examiner: Qian, Celine X.

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For: TRANSGENIC MICE CONTAINING BMP GENE DISRUPTIONS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 9, 2002, concerning the Examiner's restriction to the claims, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Invention I (claims 1-10 and 17-19), characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to a BMP targeting construct, a method of making said targeting construct, a cell comprising a disruption in a BMP gene, a non-human transgenic animal comprising a disruption in a BMP gene and a method of producing a transgenic mouse comprising a disruption in a BMP gene.

Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition for Extension of Time for a period of three (3) months from October 9, 2002 up to and including January 9, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: Jan. 9, 2003



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